

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone events in
4 the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Jason Copeland
6 Blonstein is graduating from the United States Military
7 Academy at West Point, New York, on June 2, 2001; and

8 WHEREAS, Jason Copeland Blonstein was selected in the
9 fifth grade to go into a special opportunities program where
10 he took advanced coursework; he continued this route of study
11 through his high school years; in addition he was a member of
12 the gymnastic team in high school; and

13 WHEREAS, In eighth grade, Jason Copeland Blonstein was
14 selected by the People to People program to go to Europe as a
15 student ambassador; he traveled to Washington, D.C., the
16 Pentagon in Geneva, Switzerland, and through France and
17 England; and

18 WHEREAS, After high school, Jason Copeland Blonstein
19 applied to the United States Military Academy, where he is
20 graduating in the top ten percent of his class this year;
21 during his time at the United States Military Academy he
22 served as a qualified Air Assault technician, as a Beast 2
23 squad leader in his junior year, as Company First Sergeant
24 during the second semester of his junior year, and as
25 Regimental Adjutant in the first semester of his senior year;
26 in addition he earned a Recondo badge and a star-wreath, the
27 highest cadet award for maintaining outstanding academic,
28 military, and physical strength; and

29 WHEREAS, In addition to his studies, Jason Copeland
30 Blonstein is a member of the Jewish Chapel Choir, the ACIC of
31 the Jewish Chapel Choir, the CIC of the Jewish Choir, member

1 of the Arabic Club, and participant in the Student Council in
2 United States Affairs; in addition he is a sponsor of the
3 Special Olympics, member of the Jewish community council at
4 West Point, and was Bar Mitzvah'd in May 2000; and

5 WHEREAS, After graduation, Jason Copeland Blonstein will
6 receive advanced military training and then will be stationed
7 in Germany for three years to become a ranger as a sign of
8 respect and love for his country; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we congratulate Jason Copeland Blonstein on his June 2, 2001
12 graduation from the United States Military Academy at West
13 Point, New York, and we wish him well in all of his future
14 endeavors; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Jason Copeland Blonstein as an expression of our
17 esteem.